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For: **Optimistic Processing of
Network Frames to Reduce
Latency**

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Prior to examining the above referenced application, please amend the case as follows:

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- On page 8, line 2, please replace "processors" with -- processor --.
- On page 10, line 2, please replace "processors" with -- processor --.

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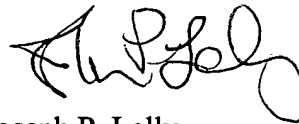
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